TEXTING WORSEN STUDENTS’ VOCABULARY AND WRITING ABILITIES

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Does texting really ruin student’s grammar and writing skills? This 21st century has brought about a rise in technology innovation and the products such as internet and mobile devices made our life more efficient and had become an addictive influence in our own nature like for example in communication, research and entertainment purposes. This technology innovation brought us some advantages and disadvantages in our life. To be specific, let us hit the point of texting as one factors why students ruin their vocabulary and writing abilities.

In our recent days, communicating through text plays huge part in students’ life. In fact, we almost observe everyone holding cellphone. Educators said that texting had an adverse impact and effect on students’ writing. Know why, because students find struggle in formal writing for they apply slang and informal styles in the construction of their sentences in essay, research paper or literary analysis. Students too much depend on texting that they have started mixing formal and informal language.

Here are some reasons why texting worsen students’ writing abilities.

• Incomplete thoughts- Students had frame cohesive sentences, incomprehensible and need clarifications and improvement.

• Incorrect Spellings- Students are fond of instant messaging and like to text in short terms and indeed our brains sometimes get accustomed to picture words in short term which affects vocabulary and grammar.
• Worsening grammar- Online messaging and instant messaging make students flout and disregard the laws of grammar.

As an educator, how are we going to handle this case. Let us teach students to be particular with the spelling even we are using mobile phones and computers. Let us teach them proper way of communicating thru text, discourage cyber slang text, set the auto correction and importantly let us encourage them to create a message in a respectful way, correct spelling and even proper use of punctuation marks. Let us expose them in some educational and informative reading materials and encourage them to write and develop their vocabulary and writing skills thru simulated and various activities.

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